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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4 of the originally filed application, please amend original paragraph [007] as reflected in the following, marked-up version of the paragraph:

[007] One approach to this problem is a thin client approach. The thin client approach, however, presents a variety of different problems. In a thin client system, for example, the data transport is often accomplished using a graphics device interface (GDI), which effectively draws an object by sending commands to the screen that actually ~~render~~renders the object. GDI, in other words, abstracts the communication between a node and the central server to the level of drawing commands and bitmaps.

On page 9 of the originally filed application, please amend original paragraph [025] as reflected in the following, marked-up version of the paragraph:

[025] The node application supports the user interface portion of the distributed application. The node application provides implementation of multiple standards including, but not limited to, HTML, XML, XHTML, CSS, PNG, MNG, JPEG, MPEG, DOM, ECMAScript, SOAP, HTTP, TCP/IP, DCOM and the like. The node application also provides compatibility between the distributed applications and the node, enables applications to gauge and distribute across the server and the node dynamically, and enables applications to be run locally on both the node and the server. The node ~~applications~~application supports the loading and running of applications on the node and the server. The node application also allocates resources to the applications currently running on the node.

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On page 19 of the originally filed application, please amend original paragraph [049] as reflected in the following, marked-up version of the paragraph:

[035] Figure 4B ~~illustrates~~ is similar to Figure 4A except that the process portion has been replaced by service portions 420, 421, and 422. In this example, the user interface portion 410 is able to make procedure and function calls using appropriate protocols. However, the procedure and function calls are made to service portions 420, 421, and/or 422. In this example, the service portion 422 resides and executes on the node 408 while the service portions 420 and 420 reside and execute on the server 400. In one example, the service portions are objects that are capable of, for example, performing tasks or procedures on data. In another example, the service portions are DCOM (distributed component object model) objects and the user interface 410 is able to issue calls to the service portions because the node application supports DCOM. The service portions can be created by the user interface portion or can already exist as part of the server or the node.